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Ca. 1854-1941

Israel Rinehart House

Johnsville, Maryland

Private

The Israel Rinehart House, built in 1854, is a unique example of vernacular Greek Revival design. It shows a highly personal interpretation of the style. The farm is associated with Israel's son, the nationally recognized sculptor William H. Rinehart (1825-1874), born in a previous house on the property. He received early stone cutting training in the marble quarry which was part of the property now in Carroll County. The variety and type of outbuildings associated with the house and the farm illustrate a farmstead in transition from the early industrialized period to the modern period.

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Israel Rinehart House and Outbuildings

Johnsville

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930
Modern Period 1930 - Present A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/dairy
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/dairy barn

Known Design Source: None

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Israel Rinehart House and Outbuildings; Marble Knoll

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11330B Clemsonville Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Johnsville ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William F. Stiegler

street & number 11330-B Clemsonville Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Union Bridge state and zip code Md. 21791

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 438

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 256

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 11

(Typed on separate sheet)

8. Significance

Survey No. F-8-93

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1854–1941 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-8-93

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858.

Nelson, Elmer C., personal interview, April 1991.

Rusk, William S., "Notes on the Life of William Henry Rinehart, Sculptor",
Maryland Historical Magazine, V. 19:4 (Dec. 1924), 309-338.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Union Bridge, Md. Quad.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingB

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax map 36, Parcel 4

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May, 1991

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

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7.1 Description

The Israel Rinehart House and Outbuildings is an 1854 Greek Revival dwelling house and associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings ranging in date from 1849 to 1941 located on the west side of Clemsonville Road about 1/2 mile south of the intersection with Green Valley Road (Maryland Route 75) near Johnsville, Maryland. The group is located at the end of a long driveway with two branching drives to other houses not included in this description. One of the contributing resources is an inscribed survey stone on the driveway.

The dwelling house is a square plan, 1 1/2 story brick building with a hipped slate roof and four chimneys in two central stacks. The north face of the chimney stack has a stone inscribed "IR 1854". At each corner of the plan is a brick pier rising approximately a foot above the roof. On the south elevation is a two-story brick kitchen wing.

The east elevation is symmetrical, with three bays, a center entrance, and a columned entry porch. The two center columns are fluted Doric and the outer two columns are unfluted Tuscan order. The walls are stretcher bond from the raised stone foundation to a belt course at the sill level of the upper half-story. The wall above the belt is 4-course American bond, terminating in a dentil course of soldier bricks and corbeled courses which extend around the entire main section. The window arches are gauged brick and the sash is 6/6. The half-story windows are 1/1, except in the center bay, which is a tripartite window. The main doorway is sidelighted and has a two-light transom. The trim is very plain.

The north elevation has a side entrance porch with a pedimented roof and square posts. A simple dentil molding ornaments the pediment. The doorway duplicates that on the east elevation. The south elevation wing originally was U-shaped with a central recess. In the 1980's, the recess was filled in with a frame enclosure faced with vinyl siding, having a modern door and 1/1 windows. The southwest corner of the brick section reveals the stone foundation and the curved exterior outline of a bake oven in the original kitchen.

The interior of the house has a central hall plan with symmetrical parlors on each side. The north parlor gave access to the side hall through pocket doors which were replaced with a fixed partition wall in the early 20th century. At the rear of the plan is a large dining room or drawing room with pedimented overdoors and window heads. The other rooms, except the kitchen have early 20th century wallpapers and plain wood trim.

DOMESTIC OUTBUILDINGS

Stone Dairy: Dated 1849 over the door in the gable end, this two-level dairy is built into the slope southwest of the house. It is somewhat deteriorated and has a corrugated sheet metal roof.

7.2 Description (Continued)

Dry house: This is a rare surviving domestic structure in Frederick County. It is brick with a stone foundation and a protecting overhanging extended roof over the wood drawers for fruit. A brick chimney rises at the south end of the corrugated metal roof. The dry house is about 25 feet from the south elevation of the house.

Smokehouse: The brick smokehouse is located north of the dairy. It has a gable roof and is in good condition.

Site of Carpenter shop and woodshed: The stone foundation of this brick building remains, with the rubble of its collapsed wall and roof within the base.

Garage: A frame building of the 1920's, this was added at the north end of the domestic group.

Bank barn: The frame bank barn, dated 1874 in its interior rafters, is the third on the site, the first being erected in 1815 and the second in 1847. A dated stone from the 1815 barn is inset near the north porch of the house. The current barn has composition shingle siding, squared vents, and a sunburst fan in the gable. A central cupola with arched vents is on the ridge. A concrete block loafing shed extends from the southwest corner of the barn. A metal-sided tractor shed is attached to the northwest corner.

Corn crib: The frame rectangular corn crib has a cupola and bell from the New Windsor School, put on the building by the present occupant of the Rinehart House, Mr. Elmer Nelson.

Dairy barn: The 1941 glazed terra cotta tile and frame dairy barn and adjoining milk shed have dome roofs of composition. The supplier of the two was Jamesway, as identified on a weathervane.

Silos: Two terra cotta silos are located near the northwest corner of the dairy barn. The tops are missing.

Boundary stone: The rectangular stone is located on the north side of the present driveway to the separately owned neighboring house. Inscribed "B Res'y on Breeches 17 I. Rinehart", its significance as a survey marker has not been researched. Its location is marked on the attached U.S.G.S. quad map.

8.1 Significance

The Israel Rinehart House is a unique example of Greek Revival architecture in Frederick County. Built by Israel Rinehart (1792-1871), it reveals the designer's personal view of architectural style as a symbol of culture and achievement. The farm originally extended into what is now Carroll County and was owned by the Rinehart family from at least 1790. Israel's son, William H. Rinehart (1825-1874), the prominent sculptor, was born on the farm and received his first training in stone cutting in the marble quarry on the part of the original property which is now part of the Lehigh Portland Cement Co. lands in Carroll County. From 1867 until the early 20th century, the farm was owned by Captain Daniel Rinehart (1823-1886), another son of Israel, and his heirs and was known as Marble Knoll.

The Rinehart farm is also significant in the agriculture theme as it illustrates by the number and variety of surviving outbuildings the changing home life and agricultural methods brought on by technological advances and health requirements. The addition of a garage in the domestic group signals the effect of the automobile on farms which had formerly been self-contained units but changed to include more contact with other sources of trade. Fewer of the domestic buildings were used to process and store home produce after the automobile became common. The 1941 dairy barn also indicates changes in agricultural methods. Health regulations in the 1930's required the separation of milking operations from areas where other animals or activities were housed. Most farms added dairy barns from standard designs supplied by agricultural supply companies such as the Jamesway barn on the Rinehart farm.

The Rinehart House is unique compared to other farm houses of the 1850's in the Walkersville region and perhaps in Frederick County. It shows a highly individual design compared to the C. Repp House (F-8-94), an 1853 traditional brick farmhouse, which is more typical of dwelling houses of the period. The dry house, among outbuildings in known farm groups of the period, is rare. Further research remains to be done on the plan of the house and its interior finisher. Title searches and a complete history of the farm and its association with William Rinehart are also needed.

Israel Rinehart House and Outbuildings
Marble Knoll
Frederick County

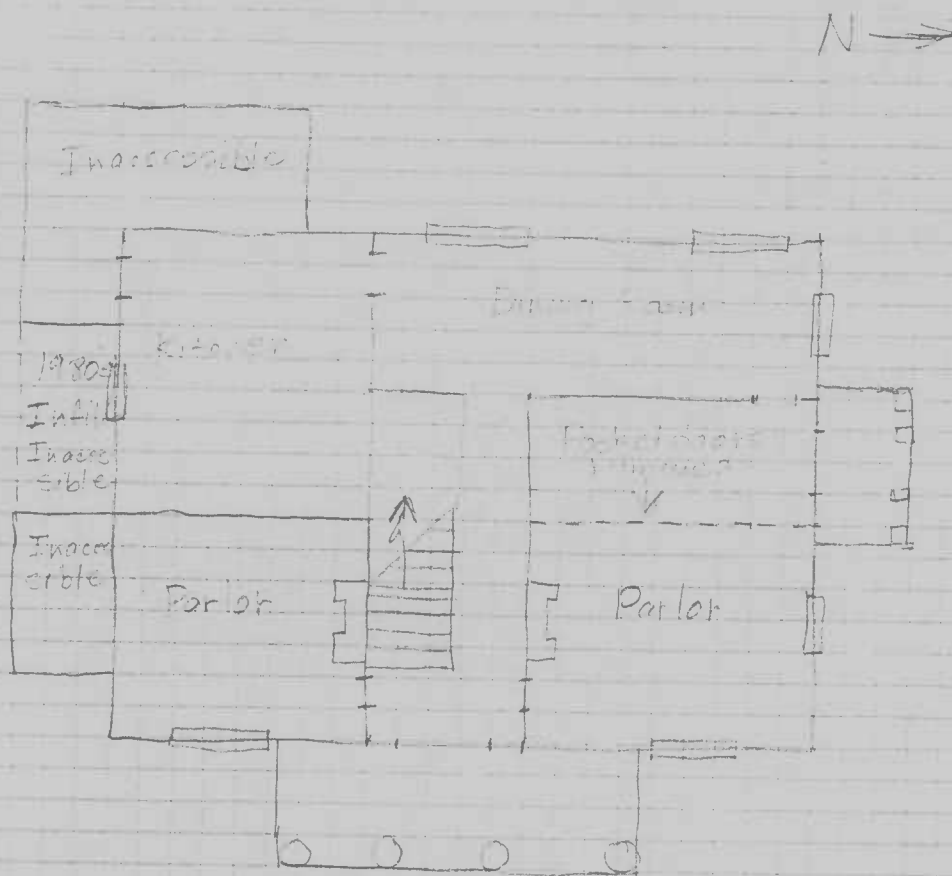
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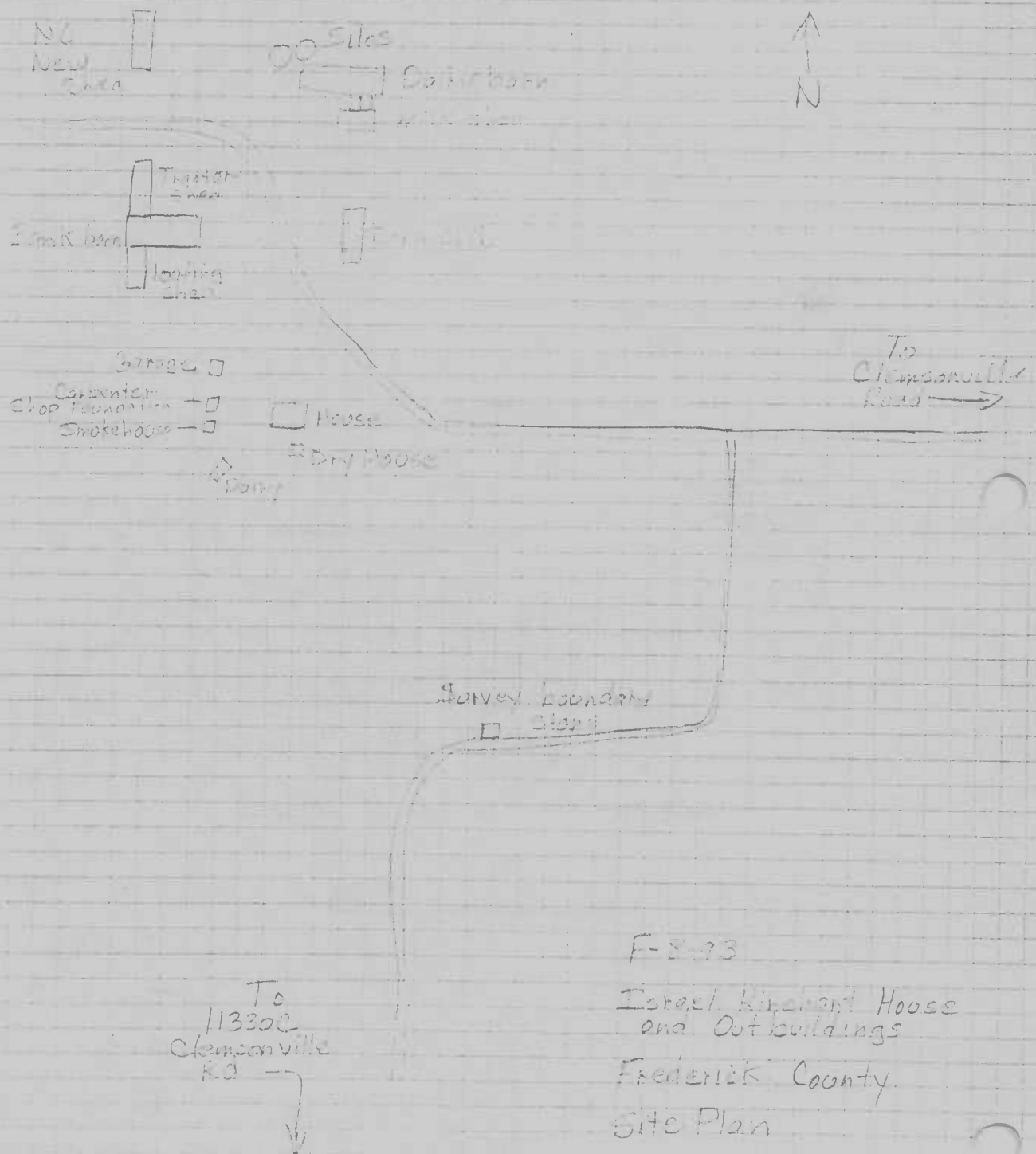


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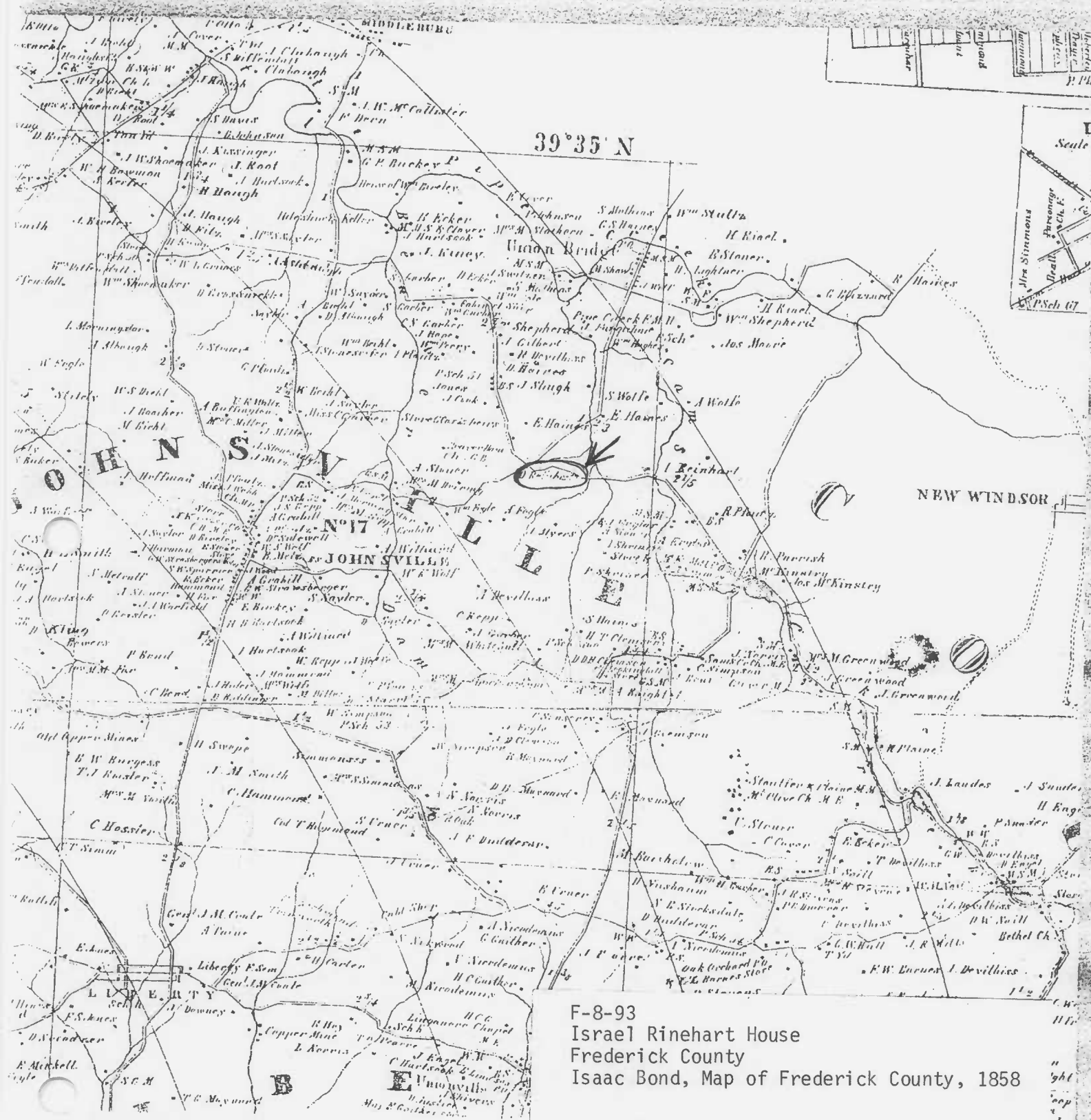
Israel Kitchener House
and Outbuildings

Frederick County

Site Plan

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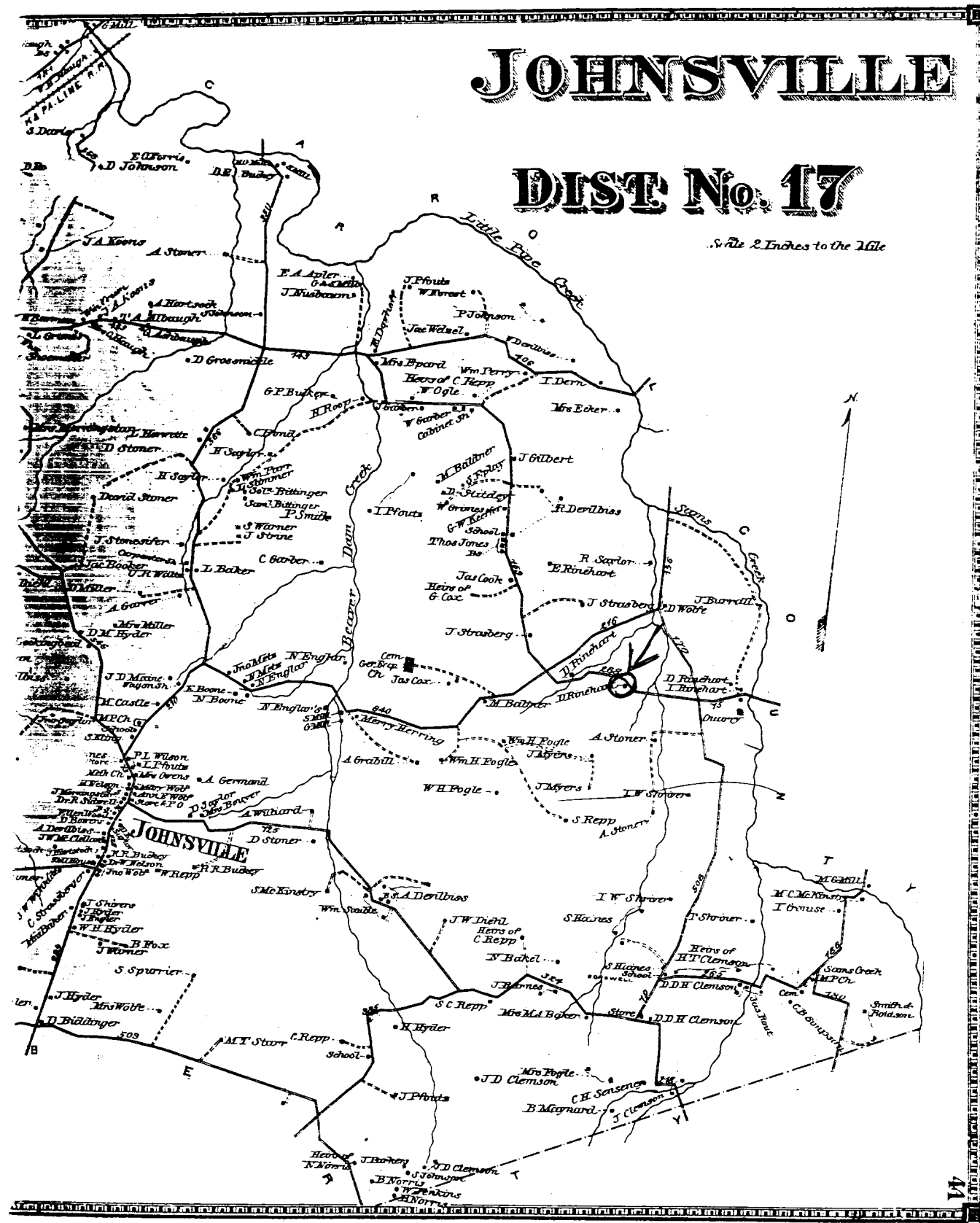


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Israel Rinehart House
Frederick County
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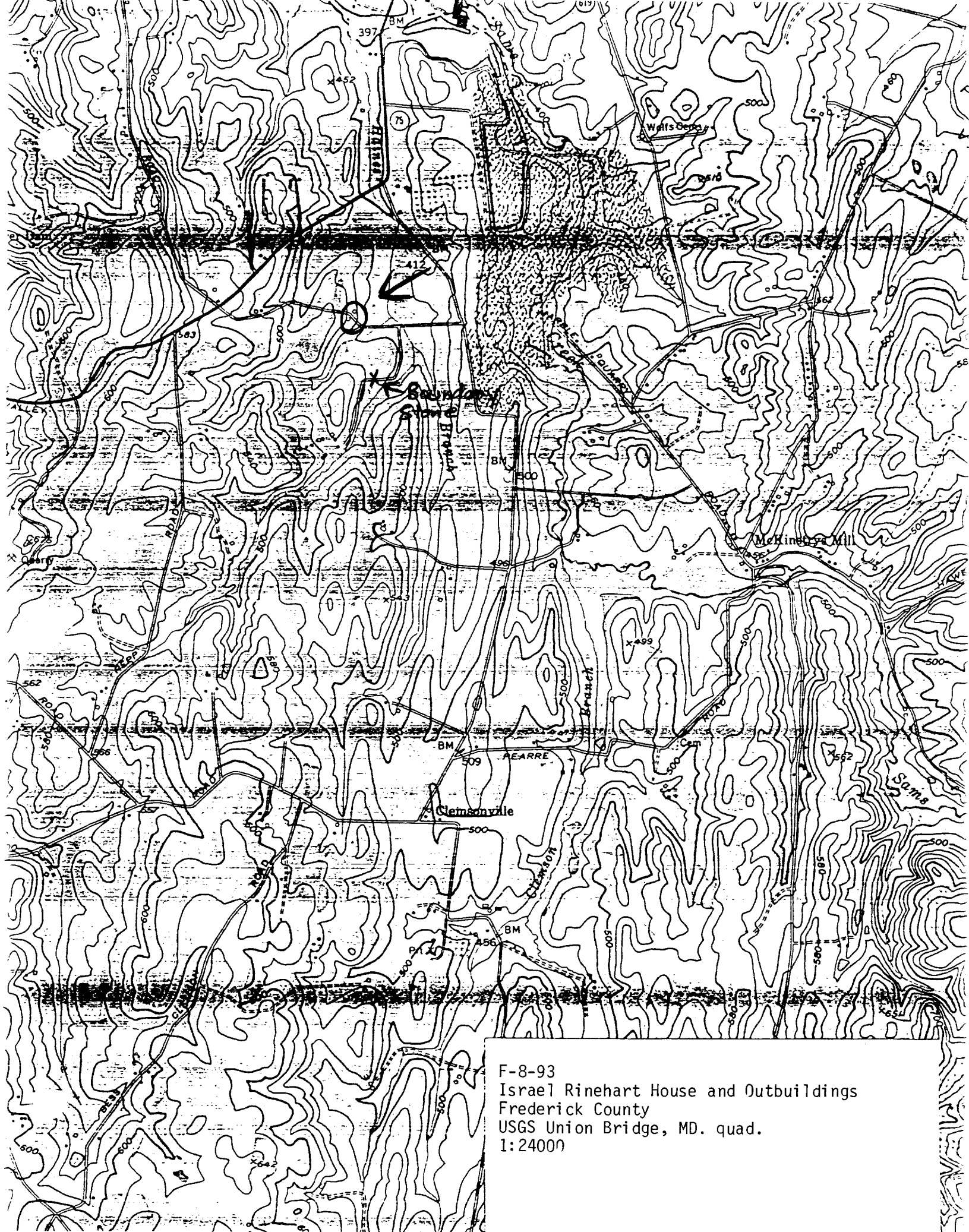
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 Frederick County
 C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873



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Frederick County
USGS Union Bridge, MD. quad.
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Israel Rinehart House

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East elevation

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North elevation

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South elevation detail

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Trim detail, dining room

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Dairy, north elevation

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Dry House, northwest corner
view

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Bank barn, east elevation

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Dairy Barn, southeast corner view

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